



# Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization Action Plan



## 2008 Calendar and Events

- International Council of Shopping Centers—Northeast Brownfields Development Forum  
February 12, 2008  
Philadelphia, PA
- National Brownfields Association 3rd Annual Tri-State Best Practices Conference  
February 22, 2008  
New York, NY
- National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) 2008 Washington Policy Conference  
February 25–27, 2008  
Arlington, VA
- ASTSWMO Federal Facilities Managers Symposium  
March 12–13, 2008  
San Diego, CA
- Annual National Tanks Conference & Expo  
March 17–19, 2008  
Atlanta, GA
- International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Federal Economic Development Forum  
April 13–15, 2008  
Alexandria, VA
- 2008 EPA Region 10 Tribal Leaders Summit  
April 21–24, 2008  
Shelton, WA

EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR) provides financial and technical support that helps clean up and reuse brownfields and other contaminated properties. OBLR fulfills its mission in partnership with other federal agencies, states, tribes, local governments, communities, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector.

OBLR's work is guided by the EPA Strategic Plan, the EPA Administrator's Action Plan, and the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response Action Plan. In carrying its charge, OBLR will focus on the following priorities:

## *2008 National Brownfields Conference*

Cosponsor the 2008 National Brownfields Conference, to be held on May 5–7, 2008 in Detroit, Michigan. The conference provides an opportunity for more than 5,000 brownfields stakeholders to exchange the latest information on brownfields and revitalization projects.

## *Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, Cleanup and Job Training Grants*

Continue to streamline the brownfields grant guidelines and the brownfields grant competition process. Award the 2008 Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, Cleanup, and Job Training grants in spring 2008.

## *Land Revitalization*

Lead the OSWER cross-program Land Revitalization efforts including working with Superfund, RCRA, Tanks, and Federal Facilities programs on long term stewardship, "One Cleanup Program," and facilitating regional revitalization projects. Strengthen partnerships with other EPA programs to ensure the incorporation of the environmental, public health and economic science, research and best practices and experience in brownfields, land revitalization and long term stewardship planning and execution.

## *Sustainable Reuse*

Promote sustainable brownfields reuse efforts by encouraging green planning, design and construction methods at brownfields. Provide targeted support for brownfields sustainable reuse projects.

## *Environmental Justice*

Implement the OBLR Environmental Justice Action Plan, including:

- providing targeted brownfields assessment (TBA) funding to regional Level I CARE grantees to assist in identifying, inventorying, and assessing brownfield properties in environmental justice communities throughout the United States;
- combining existing brownfields grant location data with local public health, EPA enforcement, and demographic data;
- reaching out to local governments and municipalities regarding the importance of community benefit agreements and "equitable redevelopment" policies as they relate to issues of gentrification and the NEJAC's WFSS, "Unintended Impacts of Brownfields Redevelopment Report;" and,
- increasing outreach and technical assistance to minority-owned businesses, local community-based organizations, and women-owned businesses on EPA brownfields funding opportunities and promoting their participation in brownfields redevelopment transactions.

- **ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting**  
April 23–24, 2008  
Mobile, AL
- **EPA and USACE 2008 Design and Construction Issues at Hazardous Waste Sites**  
April 24–25, 2008  
Philadelphia, PA
- **EPA Brownfields 2008: Roadmap to Revitalization**  
May 5–7, 2008  
Detroit, MI
- **8th National Tribal Conference for Environmental Management**  
June 24–26, 2008  
Billings, MT
- **NACO 2008 Annual Conference & Exhibition**  
July 11–15, 2008  
Kansas City, MO
- **ASTSWMO Hazardous Waste Conference**  
August 11–13, 2008  
San Diego, CA
- **NACCHO Annual 2008**  
September 9–12, 2008  
Sacramento, CA
- **ICMA Annual Conference**  
September 21–24, 2008  
Richmond, VA
- **NADO's 2008 Annual Training Conference**  
October 3–7, 2008  
Anchorage, AK



**Additional Information:**  
*Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization*  
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## ***State and Tribal Response Programs***

Continue to award grants to state and tribal coregulators to establish and enhance state and tribal response programs. Support the negotiation of Voluntary Cleanup Program Memorandums of Agreement (VCP MOAs). Develop standard language for VCP MOAs which will streamline the initial process of crafting a draft document for discussion.

## ***Assessment Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES)***

Continue to rollout the ACRES database to Brownfields grant recipients, providing a convenient, online system to record project activities. The ACRES data greatly improves the Brownfields Program's ability to track accomplishment and environmental reporting activities.

## ***Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants***

Competitively award grants to nonprofit organizations and agencies to facilitate assessment and cleanup by conducting training, research and technical assistance for brownfields stakeholders.

## ***Tribal Outreach***

Award grants aimed at providing tools and methods which may be used to enhance and expand tribal response programs. These grants will also address health and environmental concerns at methamphetamine contaminated properties in Indian Country.

## ***Outreach to Lenders***

Conduct workshops targeted to the financial and lending sectors in an effort to encourage small and mid-sized lenders and financiers to invest in brownfields redevelopment projects. Develop outreach materials emphasizing the benefits of investing in community redevelopment projects, success stories, the importance of available CERCLA liability protections and the relevance of the all appropriate inquiries requirements to community revitalization projects.

## ***Mothballed Properties***

Promote successful approaches to cleaning up and redeveloping contaminated properties that are being kept off the market. Consult with brownfields stakeholders to better understand incentives that will encourage owners to clean up and redevelop these properties.

## ***Long Term Stewardship and Institutional Controls***

Coordinate OSWER programs and work with state and tribal partners to identify, address, and track long-term stewardship efforts and educate and involve the public and private sector in these efforts.

## ***Health Monitoring Pilots***

Expand partnership with ATSDR to identify and address public health issues in brownfields communities. Provide technical assistance, support and expanded capacity to health agencies to support the monitoring of health and institutional controls in brownfields communities. Work with ATSDR and other health partners to promote brownfields redevelopment opportunities that create healthy communities. Support strategic public health program activities to improve environmental health and the built environment.

## ***Brownfields Federal Partnership***

Enhance partnerships with other federal agencies by participating in multiagency collaborative projects, holding regular meetings with federal partners, and supporting regional efforts to coordinate federal revitalization support.